

The Old Huyler Homestead
Country Road
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Owner: Mr. Byron M. Huyler

Date of Erection: 1770-1805

Architect:

Builder: John Eckerson and Captain John Huyler

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - red sandstone

Interior walls - lath and
plaster

Floors - wood

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel on main house
with dormers of a later date;
wing pitch, wood shingles

Slave House - stone; inside
brick chimneys; roof pitch;
two stories

Historical Data:

The deed recorded on June 7, 1830 at Hackensack
(N.J. Liber D-3 page 315) states that the land of John

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Eckerson was confiscated by the State of New Jersey for acting against the form of allegiance by action at Pompton on January, 1779. The agent of forfeited estates, whose name was Cornelius Haring, sold the property to John Huyler at public sale on March 26, 1784, for sixteen hundred fifty-eight pounds, York money. John Huyler was of German lineage; he served as a Captain of Militia during the Revolutionary War. During the war his house was burned and his family left destitute. At the close of the war he bought this property which is now occupied by his grandson.

Whether the house that was built on the property of John Eckerson was the present kitchen portion or whether it was the detached stone building referred to as the Slave House is not known.

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